

**O I P E S C I T A**  
**AUG 15 2001 CONTINUING APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL UNDER RULE 1.53(b)**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Docket No. 108324-00001

Date: August 15, 2001

Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a

Continuation

Divisional

Continuation-in-Part

application of prior pending Application No. 09/404,738, filed September 24, 1999,

For (Title): SAME POTENTIAL BLOCK SUCH AS A GROUNDING BLOCK AND METHOD  
 FOR MAKING AN IMPROVED SAME POTENTIAL BLOCK

By (Inventors): Joseph A. LOMASTRO, Peter J. DUTTON, Thomas D. RATZLAFF, Santiago  
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1.  A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney is:
  - a. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)
  - b. A new Declaration and Power of Attorney. (Used with the same, fewer or additional inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application, (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter, or (c) a new specification.)
2.  The filing fee based on entry of the concurrently filed Preliminary Amendment is calculated below:

CLAIMS IN THE APPLICATION AFTER ENTRY OF  
 ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT NOTED BELOW

FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA
BASIC FEE		
TOTAL CLAIMS	16 - 20	= 0
INDEP CLAIMS	1 - 3	= 0
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED		

\* If the difference is less than zero, enter "0".

SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEES
	\$ 355
x 9 =	\$
x 40 =	\$
+135 =	\$
TOTAL	\$ 355

OTHER THAN A  
 SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEES
	\$ 710
x 18 =	\$
x 80 =	\$
+270 =	\$
OR TOTAL	\$

3.  A Check in the amount of \$355.00 to cover the filing fee is attached. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 108324-00001.
4.  Cancel claims 1-27; 43-45 of the application before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.
5.  Amend the specification--This is a  Continuation  Division  Continuation-in-Part of Application No. 09/404,738 filed September 24, 1999, (which in turn is a Continuation Application of Parent Application No. \_\_\_\_\_) filed \_\_\_\_\_. The disclosure of the prior application(s) is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety--on by inserting before the first line the sentence:

6.  Formal drawings (Figs. 1 to 10D) are attached.
7.  Priority of foreign application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).
8.  The certified copy was filed in prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.
9.  A certified copy of the above foreign application(s) is attached.
10.  Priority of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).
11.  Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
--This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_.--
12.  The prior application is assigned of record to Array Connector Corporation recorded at Reel 011311, Frame 0105 on November 17, 2000.
13.  This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R §1.53(b)(1)). Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application:
14.  A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
15.  An Information Disclosure Statement is attached along with Form PTO-1449 and 0 references.
16.  Small entity status:
  - a. A small entity statement is attached.
  - b. A small entity statement was filed in the parent application and such status is still proper and desired.
  - c. Small entity status is no longer claimed.
17.  The Power of Attorney in the application is to Robert B. Murray, Reg. No. 22,980; Charles M. Marmelstein, Reg. No. 25,895; George E. Oram, Jr., Reg. No. 27,931; Douglas H. Goldhush, Reg. No. 33,125; David T. Nikaido, Reg. No. 22,663; Richard J. Berman, Reg. No. 39,107; Murat Ozgu, Reg. No. 44,275; Robert K. Carpenter, Reg. No. 34,794; Gregory B. Kang, Reg. No. 45,273; Rustan Hill, Reg. No. 37,351; Carl Schaukowitch, Reg. No. 29,211, Hans J. Crosby, Reg. No. 44,634; Brian A. Tollefson, Reg. No. 46,338; David D. Dzara, Reg. No. 47,543 and Lynne D. Anderson, Reg. No. 46,412.
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